Framing of rules under the Torrorists and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act

1522. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR :
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Terrorists and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act was passed in May, 1985 but the rules were framed thereunder 18 months later;

(b) whether it is also a fact that passing of the Act was urgently required; and

(c) what are the reasons for which rules under the above Act were not framed during the period of President's rule in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1985 is applicable throughout India. Under Section 5 of the said Act, power has been given to the Central Government to make such Rules as appear to it necessary or expedient for the prevention of and for coping with, terrorist acts and disruptive activities. This is only an enabling provision. The main provisions of the Act were considered adequate to take immediate action to meet the requirements of the then prevailing situation and it was therefore not considered necessary to make the rules immediately. In the light of the experience gained after the Act was enacted, the question as to the matters which may be covered by the rules was considered in consultation with the concerned Departments of the Government and the Governments of States where such activities were reported. The rules were notified on 13th November, 1986.

Chinese arms assistance to insurgents in N.E. States

1523. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR :
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been evidence of Chinese arms assistance and training to insurgents operating in NE States and Chief Ministers of these States are indifferent to this national security problem as reported in the Hindustan Times of 11th January last; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the Centre had advised some Chief Ministers to ban certain extremist organisations and take other stiff measures in regard; if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Nothing specific has yet been known to establish the involvement of China in the supply of arms and training to the insurgents in NE States recently. The Chief Ministers of the North-Eastern States are keeping a close watch on the insurgency situation in the region.

(b) The power to ban an organisation as 'Unlawful association' rests with the Central Government. Wherever necessary, the Central Government have banned extremist organisations in the North East in consultation with the State Governments. Thus the Tripura/Tribal National Volunteers (TNV) and Meitei organisations viz., People's Liberation Army (PLA), People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK), Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP) etc. have been declared as 'unlawful associations' by the Central Government.

In order to deal with the activities of extremists, the Central Government have also advised the State Governments to take other measures such as taking recourse to the provisions of the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act and the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act.